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RIBITS: An Interactive Web-Based Mitigation Bank Tracking System

Norfolk District's Regulatory Office is implementing an interactive web-based mitigation bank tracking system known as RIBITS (Regional Internet Bank Information Tracking System). RIBITS was developed by the Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) and Applied Research Associates, with support from the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program Headquarters and the Environmental Protection Agency. Norfolk District is the second Corps District to implement RIBITS.

RIBITS is designed to allow the public to track the status of mitigation banks in Virginia. Ultimately, it will provide up-to-date mitigation banking information to bank sponsors, permit applicants, and the general public. It will allow the public to look for information on operational, proposed, and closed mitigation banks in any locality or watershed in Virginia. It will allow the public to identify those banks that provide a given type of compensatory mitigation (i.e. stream, non-tidal or tidal wetland mitigation). It will also allow users to examine credit transactions by watershed, county, habitat type, or for a given mitigation bank. It also provides the public with detailed information on banking processes and procedures.

RIBITS is a dynamic system that will be updated continuously. Ultimately, bank sponsors will upload much of the data that will reside in RIBITS. Users may note that some of the records are more complete than others. Bank sponsors are encouraged to provide additional information (credit ledgers, contact information, monitoring reports, etc.) to update some of the bank records.

RIBITS is intended to replace our current mitigation bank web page. It can be accessed at <https://155.78.20.213/ribits/index.php> or <https://ribits.nao.usace.army.mil/ribits/index.php>. It can also be accessed through our current mitigation bank web page at <http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/technical%20services/Regulatory%20branch/Mitigation%20Banks/mitbanklist.asp>.

Please direct any questions about RIBITS or forward any information for inclusion in RIBITS to Steven Martin of my staff. He may be reached at steven.m.martin@usace.army.mil

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